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SUBJECT: DRI PROPOSAL ON WOMEN'S INDUSTRIES

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1. HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED DRI PROPOSAL IN CONTEXT OF THINKING THROUGH OUR APPROACH TO WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT (WID) IN TUNISIA PRIOR TO ANSWERING REF (B). OUR CONCLUSION IS THAT DRI PROPOSAL IS NOT USEFUL AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE ONCE BEFORE ATTEMPTED TO APPROACH WID HERE ON BASIS OF A PROJECT ORIENTED EXCLUSIVELY TO WOMEN; IT RAN AFOUL OF TUNISIAN POLITICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL RIVALRIES; WE ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO REPEAT THAT EXPERIENCE.

2. DRI PROPOSAL BUILDS ON SEVERAL ASSUMPTIONS, MOST IMPORTANT BEING THAT IDENTIFIABLE FUNCTIONAL SECTOR OR ENTITY WHICH COULD BE CALLED "WOMEN'S INDUSTRIES" ACTUALLY EXISTS HERE. THERE ARE, IT IS TRUE, TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFT INDUSTRIES EMPLOYING WOMEN; OUR EARLIER PROPOSED PROJECT WAS INTENDED TO BUILD UPON ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED IN THIS AREA BY A TUNISIAN ORGANIZATION. THERE IS ALSO MODERN TEXTILE SECTOR IN TUNISIA'S INDUSTRY, EMPLOYING MOSTLY WOMEN. THIS INDUSTRY HAS BEEN CREATED IN RESPONDTTOO TUNISIAN INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAM;
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TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT IS PROUD OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT AND WOULD NOT WELCOME, WE FEEL CERTAIN, FOREIGN INQUIRY AS TO STATUS OF WOMEN EMPLOYED IN THEDTTWPRRVTRIES. IN SHORT, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT "WOMEN'S INDUSTRIES" APPROACH WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE; WE BELIEVE THAT WE WOULD HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF DIFFICULTY EXPLAINING IT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TUNISIA AND GETTING GOT APPROBATION.

3. OUR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF WID AS AN AID PROGRAM-MING SECTOR IN TUNISIA POINTS IN DIRECTION, ONCE AGAIN, OF RELATIVELY BACKWARD RURAL INTERIOR, AND TO POSSIBILITIES FOR ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE OF WOMEN AFFECTED BY EXIST-ING OR PLANNED PROJECTS WHICH ADDRESS COMMON PROBLEMS BUT CAN ALTER BENEFICIALLY FEMALE ROLES AND STATUS. IN SHORT, GOING DRI ROUTE AMOUNTS TO PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE.
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